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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the

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application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad comprising:

a surface side sheet having a permeable property for liquid;

a plurality of sheet pieces forming a back face side sheet and including a sheet piece having

one end that overlaps another sheet piece;

an absorbent body for absorbing liquid and enclosed between the surface side sheet and the

back face side sheet; and

a junction joining the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet at a peripheral edge of

the absorbent body;

at least one seam part formed by overlapping the plurality of sheet pieces over one another,

the seam part including:

a longitudinal seam part extending in a longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad,

crossing over the back face side sheet from an edge to another edge of the back face side

sheet, and

an adhesive agent applied between the sheet pieces piece and the another sheet piece

at the longitudinal seam part along the longitudinal central line,

wherein the sheet piece, which overlaps the other another sheet piece at the longitudinal

seam part and which covers a side closer to a longitudinal central line of the interlabial pad, is

positioned at the absorbent body side of the back face side sheet, and wherein the sheet pieces the

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plurality of sheet pieces are each formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable

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material and overlap with each other over a range of 5 to 15 mm to form the longitudinal seam part;

[[,]] and

wherein the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet are joined at a peripheral edge of

the absorbent body

a mini-sheet piece formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable

material, the mini-sheet piece adhering to the back face side sheet at the junction of the surface side

sheet and the back face side sheet and covering a portion of the back face side sheet to form a

pocket between the mini-sheet piece and the back face side sheet, wherein a finger of a user may be

inserted into the pocket for either applying the interlabial pad to be worn by the user or removing

the interlabial pad from the user to be discarded.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the seam part is a lateral seam part extending in a lateral direction of the interlabial

pad: and

a sheet piece, which overlaps another sheet piece at the lateral seam part and covers a side

that becomes a dorsal side when the interlabial pad is fitted between labia, is positioned at the

absorbent body side.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

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wherein the seam parts contain the longitudinal seam part and a lateral seam part extending

in the lateral direction of the interlabial pad; and

wherein a sheet piece, which overlaps another sheet piece at the lateral seam part and covers

a side that becomes a dorsal side when the interlabial pad is fitted between labia, is positioned at the

absorbent body side.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1 [[8]]:

wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the

absorbent body side.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A packaging body for individually packaging an

interlabial pad, comprising:

a packaging sheet; and

an interlabial pad according to claim 1;

wherein the interlabial pad is covered by the packaging sheet; and

wherein the packaging sheet is provided with a continuous or discontinuous parting zone

that is parted by actions of water, along which the packaging sheet is separated into a plurality of

small sheet pieces after the packaging sheet is discarded in a toilet.

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Claim 11 (original): The packaging body for individual package of interlabial pad

according to Claim 10;

wherein the packaging sheet is a liquid impermeable sheet with an impermeable property

against liquid.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 8;

wherein at least one parting zone is formed with the seam part formed by overlapping the

plurality of sheet pieces over one another.

Claims 13-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the

absorbent body side.

Claims 21, 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim elaim 1, further

comprising a folded portion at which another the other sheet piece is folded,

wherein the sheet piece and the other sheet piece is attached when the interlabial pad is

folded in two during use, the other sheet piece being folded inwardly, the end of the sheet piece

overlapping the other sheet piece at the folded portion.

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Claim 24 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the back face side sheet has two sheet pieces including the sheet piece and the other

sheet.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the adhesive agent is applied in the range of 1 to 20g/M².